

February 9, 2016

Dear Mental Health Provider;

Based on House Bill 311, effective July 1st, 2013, only a psychiatrist or credentialed mental health screener may initiate a 24-hour psychiatric detention for evaluation of an adult. In order to be credentialed, you must complete the training and successfully pass the test mandated by the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (DSAMH).

Requirements to become a Credentialed Mental Health Screener include the following: successfully passing a criminal background check to be paid for by the training participant, having the designated level of clinical and psychiatric crisis experience, being a licensed mental health professional or be supervised by a Licensed Psychiatrist, attending **all** hours of training and successfully passing the test.

The following information pertains to the upcoming training:

Delaware Technical Community College
Terry Campus – 100 Campus Drive
Dover, DE 19904
Corporate Training Center – Room 407 A/B

Overview of DE Law and Screening Process	Day 1	3/14/16	(Monday)
Clinical Assessment for Dangerousness and Documentation	Day 2	3/21/16	(Monday)
Assessment of Special Populations	Day 3	3/28/16	(Monday)
Assessment of Special Populations (cont.)	Day 4	4/4/16	(Monday)
Screener Safety and Working With Law Enforcement	Day 5	4/11/16	(Monday)
Community Resources and Exam	Day 6	4/18/16	(Monday)

Participants must attend each class to be credentialed. Each training will be held from 9:00 – 4:00 and there will be no breakfast or lunch served. There is no cost to the training, but the participant will have to pay for their own criminal background check, which will cost approximately \$53. Registration will be at 8:30 each day and participants must sign in each day.

Please contact Delaware Technical Community College, Terry Campus – Corporate and Community Programs at 857-1400 to register and for more information.

Thank you.